

27th February 1964] [Sri V. Ramaiah]

As this is a regular feature during the rainy season, no special relief is considered necessary. In order to prevent the submergence of land in this area permanently, the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has accorded administrative approval on 7th February 1964 for Rs. 65,000 under S.M.I.P. for providing drainage facilities to the tharuvai in Tiruchendur taluk, Tirunelveli district.

I may therefore inform the House that water-logging is an annual feature in the above areas and the ryots cultivate only at their risk as and when the water recedes. Plantains and paddy crops were raised at the risk of ryots and no relief is considered necessary except the grant of remission of land revenue and the supply of cocoanut seedlings at concessional rate for planting. The total loss due to damages to crops like cocoanut, plantains, etc., is roughly estimated at one lakh of rupees.

12-00
noon.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) TRANSACTION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON A NON-OFFICIAL DAY.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

“ That Rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules be suspended and that official business be taken up on Thursday, the 27th February 1964. ”

The motion was put and carried.

(2) MID-TERM APPRAISAL OF THIRD FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

“ That the Report on the Mid-term appraisal of the Third Five-Year Plan relating to Madras State be taken into consideration. ”

A brief review of the achievements of this State under the Plans with special reference to the progress in the first half of the Third Plan period has been made in the publication already circulated to the Honourable Members. The House has had opportunities for assessing the progress of our Plans every year at the time of discussions on the Budget, for the main purpose of the Budget in recent years has been the fulfilment of the objectives of the Plan. It is however appropriate that this House should make a critical appraisal of our performance so far, so that the Government may have the benefit of the constructive suggestions of Honourable Members in completing the schemes laid down in the Third Plan, to the satisfaction of the people.

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